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Reference: Embassy telegram 522

External Affairs informs that Soviet, Cuban and Czechoslovak Chiefs of Mission called in this afternoon to receive explanation Canadian policy re overflight and refueling planes destined Cuba. Soviet informed that due lack ICAO membership no Soviet Union flights will be permitted excepting in a few special cases, such as senior delegates to UN.

In Cuban and Czech cases explanation was made of examination procedure reported Embassy telegram 522 and Articles 16 and 35 of ICAO Convention were cited as basis for this requirement.

Inter-Departmental committee is meeting this evening to work out procedures and criteria for examination requirement and I have been promised report on these tomorrow morning.

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